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With one of the shortest questionnaires in history, the 2010 Census asks for name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship, and whether you own or rent your home. It takes only about 10 minutes for the average household to complete. Responses to the 2010 Census questionnaire are required by law. All responses are used for statistical purposes only, and all are strictly confidential. For more information, visit the 2010 Census Web site at:
<http://www.census.gov/2010>.

CORN AND SOYBEAN PRICES FALL

Prices received by Minnesota farmers for corn for February averaged \$3.50 per bushel, a decrease of 5 cents from the January price. Soybeans were down 30 cents, to a February price of \$9.30 per bushel.

The all hog price for February was \$50.50 per cwt., a decrease of 50 cents from the January price. The all beef cattle price for February was \$77.50 per cwt., an increase of 80 cents from the January price.

The all milk price for February, at \$16.10 per cwt., was unchanged from January.

The preliminary U.S. All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 133 percent, based on 1990-92=100, is down 4.3 percent from the January index. The Crop Index is 145, down 4.6 percent from January. The Livestock & Products Index, at 122, is unchanged from January.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity And Unit	U.S. Feb 2010 1/	----- Minnesota ----- Feb 2009 2/	Jan 2010 2/	Feb 2010 1/
Barley, Feed & Malting, bu	4.25	3/	3/	3/
Beans, Dry Edible, All, cwt.....	33.80	3/	3/	3/
Corn, bu	3.45	3.69	3.55	3.50
Hay, All Baled, ton.....	107.00	121.00	107.00	115.00
Alfalfa, Baled, ton.....	111.00	125.00	125.00	125.00
Other, Baled, ton.....	97.10	85.00	80.00	85.00
Oats, bu	2.13	1.96	2.07	2.05
Potatoes, cwt.....	6.99	6.95	7.80	7.85
Soybeans, bu	9.40	9.33	9.60	9.30
Sunflowers, All, cwt	14.90	29.90	17.80	3/
Wheat, All, bu.....	4.67	6.22	4.87	4.74
Calves, cwt.....	111.00	107.00	111.00	114.00
Cattle, All Beef, cwt 4/	84.40	71.50	76.70	77.50
Cows, cwt, 5/	50.50	46.60	49.70	51.00
Steers & Heifers, cwt.....	89.40	79.90	84.00	84.70
Milk Cows, head 6/	--	--	1,760.00	--
Hogs, All, cwt	48.10	44.70	51.00	50.50
Barrows & Gilts, cwt.....	48.20	44.70	51.10	50.50
Sows, cwt	45.30	44.70	38.10	46.10
Lambs, cwt 7/	--	100.00	96.80	--
Sheep, cwt 7/	--	32.90	53.00	--
Milk, All, cwt	15.90	12.10	16.10	16.10

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Entire month data. 3/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual farms. 4/ "cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published in Jan., Apr., Jul., and Oct. 7/ Preliminary prices discontinued Jan. 1996.

U.S. INDEX SUMMARY (1990-92 = 100)

Item	Jan 2009	Feb 2009	Jan 2010	Feb 2010
Prices Received	139	126	139	133
Prices Paid (Interest, Taxes, Wage Rates)	180	179	184	185
Parity Ratio 1/.....	77	70	76	72

1/ Computed by dividing Prices Received Index by Prices Paid Index.

U.S. INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED (1990-92 = 100)

Commodities	Feb 2009 1/	Jan 2010 1/	Feb 2010 2/
All Farm Products.....	126	*139	133
Crops	146	*152	145
Meat Animals	105	*110	112
Dairy Products.....	89	*123	122
Poultry & Eggs	141	150	144

* Revised 1/ Entire month data. 2/ Preliminary.

HIRED WORKERS UP 7 PERCENT IN LAKE REGION; WAGE UP 20 CENTS FROM ONE YEAR AGO

Lake Region: There were 46,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Lake Region (Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin) the week of January 10-16, 2010. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$11.22 per hour during the January 2010 survey week, up 20 cents from January 2009. The number of hours worked averaged 33.8 for hired workers during the survey week, compared with 34.0 hours in January 2009. During the 2010 reference week, Minnesota, part of the Lake Region, experienced a slight warming spell. The week started with an average temperature of 5 to 10 degrees F, warmed to an average temperature of 19 to 24 degrees for a couple days, then reached daytime highs above freezing in parts of the state by the end of the week. These temperatures were fairly average for a January in Minnesota.

WORKERS ON FARMS, HOURS WORKED PER WEEK, AND WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS, LAKE REGION AND UNITED STATES, JANUARY 2010						
	Lake Region ^{1/}			United States ^{2/}		
	January 11-17 2009	October 11-17 2009	January 10-16 2010	January 11-17 2009	October 11-17 2009	January 10-16 2010
Workers on Farms Hired Workers ^{3/}	1,000 Workers					
	43	67	46	595	807	587
	Hours Per Week					
Hours Worked Hired Workers ^{3/}	34.0	38.0	33.8	38.3	39.0	37.3
	Dollars Per Hour					
Workers By Work Type						
Field	10.83	11.03	11.12	9.96	10.25	10.14
Livestock	9.96	10.10	9.97	10.27	10.23	10.26
Field & Livestock	10.20	10.65	10.30	10.08	10.24	10.19
All Workers ^{3/}	11.02	11.24	11.22	10.93	10.91	11.06

1/ Lake Region = Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin.
2/ Excludes Alaska.
3/ Excludes agricultural service workers.

FALL POTATO STOCKS, MARCH 1, 2009-2010

STATE	March 1, 2009 Stocks	March 1, 2010 Stocks ^{1/}
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Idaho	56,500	65,500
Washington	31,400	36,200
Colorado	11,100	10,500
Oregon	9,800	10,700
Minnesota	8,700	--
North Dakota	8,100	7,000
Wisconsin	7,800	12,000
Maine	7,100	7,800
Nebraska	3,500	3,300
Michigan	3,300	3,500
Montana	3,200	3,000
New York	1,200	--
California	1,000	1,100
Other States	--	9,500
13 State Total	152,700	170,100

1/ Missing 2010 stocks combined into "Other States".

MINNESOTA FARM NUMBERS

The 2009 total number of farms in Minnesota was estimated at 81,000, the same as 2008. The number of farms in the \$1,000-\$9,999 economic sales class, at 36,400, was down 100 from 2008. Those with sales in the \$10,000-\$99,999 economic sales class remained the same as 2008, at 21,900 farms.

Farms in the \$100,000-\$249,000 economic sales class were 9,400, the same as 2008. Farms in the \$250,000-\$499,000 economic class were numbered at 6,500, up 100 from 2008. Farms in the \$500,000 and over sales class remained the same, at 6,800.

A farm is defined as any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year. Government payments are included as sales.

NUMBER OF FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND AVERAGE SIZE: Minnesota, 1997-2009 1/

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Average Size of Farms
	<u>Number</u>	<u>1,000 Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>
1997	81,000	29,100	359
1998	80,000	28,600	357
1999	81,000	28,200	348
2000	81,000	27,900	344
2001	81,000	27,800	343
2002	80,900	27,800	344
2003	80,000	27,600	345
2004	79,600	27,400	344
2005	79,600	27,200	342
2006	79,300	27,000	340
2007	81,000	26,900	332
2008	81,000	26,900	332
2009	81,000	26,900	332

1/ A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year.

NUMBER OF FARMS: By Economic Sales Class Minnesota, 2003-2009

Year	\$1,000- \$9,999	\$10,000- \$99,999	\$100,000- \$249,000	\$250,000- \$499,000	\$500,000 & Over	Total
	<u>Number</u>					
2003	35,200	25,500	10,000	5,400	3,900	80,000
2004	34,800	25,500	9,900	5,400	4,000	79,600
2005	34,800	25,400	9,900	5,500	4,000	79,600
2006	34,500	25,200	9,900	5,600	4,100	79,300
2007	36,500	21,900	9,500	6,400	6,700	81,000
2008	36,500	21,900	9,400	6,400	6,800	81,000
2009	36,400	21,900	9,400	6,500	6,800	81,000

LAND IN FARMS: By Economic Sales Class Minnesota, 2003-2009

Year	\$1,000- \$9,999	\$10,000- \$99,999	\$100,000- \$249,000	\$250,000- \$499,000	\$500,000 & Over	Total
	<u>1,000 Acres</u>					
2003	3,100	6,800	5,900	5,400	6,400	27,600
2004	3,000	6,700	5,900	5,400	6,400	27,400
2005	2,900	6,600	5,800	5,300	6,600	27,200
2006	2,800	6,400	5,800	5,300	6,700	27,000
2007	3,200	4,800	4,200	4,800	9,900	26,900
2008	3,200	4,800	4,200	4,800	9,900	26,900
2009	3,100	4,800	4,200	4,800	10,000	26,900

JANUARY EGG OUTPUT UP 3.4 PERCENT IN MINNESOTA

Minnesota layers produced 242 million eggs during January 2010, versus 234 million in January 2009. Laying flocks in the U.S. produced 7.69 billion eggs in January, up slightly from a year ago.

POULTRY STATS - JANUARY

		2009	2010
Total Eggs Produced	MN	234 Mil.	242 Mil.
	U.S.	7,678 Mil.	7,692 Mil.
Number of Layers	MN	10.1 Mil.	10.3 Mil.
	U.S.	341.4 Mil.	339.2 Mil.
Eggs per 100 Layers	MN	2,311	2,351
	U.S.	2,249	2,268
CHICKENS:			
Hatched (January)			
Egg-Type	MN	1.2 Mil.	1/
	U.S.	38.1 Mil.	38.8 Mil.
Broiler-Type	U.S.	778.4 Mil.	775.6 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (February 1)			
Egg-Type	WNC*	8.5 Mil.	8.7 Mil.
	U.S.	35.2 Mil.	39.3 Mil.
Broiler-Type	WNC*	27.9 Mil.	27.8 Mil.
	U.S.	623.6 Mil.	627.8 Mil.
TURKEYS:			
Hatched (January)			
	WNC*	9.7 Mil.	9.5 Mil.
	U.S.	24.9 Mil.	22.2 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (February 1)			
	WNC*	11.0 Mil.	10.8 Mil.
	U.S.	28.5 Mil.	25.9 Mil.

1/ No longer published.

*West North Central Region (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North & South Dakota, Minnesota.)

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FEBRUARY MILK OUTPUT UP 1.4 PERCENT IN MINNESOTA

Totaling 700 million pounds, the state's February milk production was up 1.4 percent from February 2009.

Output per cow was 1,490 pounds in February, up 15 pounds from last February. Milk cows for February averaged 470,000 head, the same as January, but up 2,000 head from one year ago.

February 2010 milk output in the 23 major states was 13.6 billion pounds, up 0.1 percent from February 2009. Milk cows in the 23 states averaged 8.32 million head, down 168,000 head from the previous year. At 1,640 pounds, production per cow was up 35 pounds from February 2009.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2010 MILK STATS

State	Milk Production		Percent of Previous Year	
	Jan	Feb	Jan	Feb
	Million Lbs.		Percent	
California	3,370	3,089	97.6	98.4
Idaho	1,025	933	102.2	103.7
Minnesota	773	700	102.0	101.4
New York	1,037	952	99.5	99.3
Pennsylvania	882	822	98.3	100.1
Wisconsin	2,167	1,997	105.0	105.7
23 States	14,831	13,643	99.5	100.1

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